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God to accomplish this task.

II. The Church must give its own people more zeal
help for daily living.

1. The world of science or many has multiplied
so to make people, young and old, some night
of a God who have way affection to us in-
dividually on this little planet of ours.

3. The mighty achievements such as the Iron
Man and the Steel corporations and
make many question whether to love him
temporal of finite, or not.

4. The man who calls upon Christ to find him to
meet daily failure of the church.
Christ to help to it the maximum to stop
declined Communion, and to it the find of
Church to help to it the maximum to stop
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The Emphasis of Jesus.

Lu. 13:23,24. And one said unto him, "Lord, are they few that are saved? And he said unto them, "strive to enter in by the narrow door.

Our text begins with a typical speculative question. "How many are going to be saved?
Of course the ? is of interest to many.
King's estimate.
But such questions lead the mind away from the more impotant things to the lesser. They They get people off the highway of action unto the by-paths of talk.

Jesus deliberately turned the conversation from a theoretical to a practical subject. Strive to enter in by the narrow door.
The straight road of duty: the narrow door of self-maatery and self-sacrifice. Follow the straight road. Let the speculative questions wait. Here are the practical responsibilities that must be met. Woe to the people who neglect them, even in the interests of t~~h~~ø~~ø~~X~~ø~~ speculative theology.

Time and again the church has needed to hear thi this message.
In the 11th century, i.e.
Epeculations of theologians.
How many aggels can dance on the point of a needle?
Speculations concerning the Trinity.
Anseelm: In answer to the ?, "Why had the Son, rather th than the Father or the Holy Spirit, become incarnate? "If the Holy Spirit rather than the Son had become incarnate, there would have been two sons in the Trinity-the Won before the Incarnation and the Son by the Incarnation. And if the Father rather than the Son had become incarnate, there would have been two grandsons in the Trinity. For the Father, by assuming humanity, would have become the grandson~~s~~ of the parents of the Virgin Mary. And the Son, tho having nothing to do with man, wuld have b een the grandson of the Virgin Mary, for he would have been the Son of her Son, the Father."

In our own day such speculations seem the height of absurdity, yet a great deal of the church's thot and energy is being spent in just the same way.

What were the precise circumstances of Jesus' birth?
What was the exact nature of His resurrection?
When will this world come to an end?
Pre or post-millenialist?
All such ? are merely speculative. They will be answered according to the type of mind possessed. The great danger of aall such questions that they will lead us away from the more vital things of the kingdom.

And some such questions make honest people disgusted The hubub about evolution.

How we need Jesus' call back to reality! The crisis of our modern church. When we consider the real facts of the case, the fight between the conservatives and the liverals in the church shrivels into insignificance. Let us consider some of the practical respansibilities of the Church in America.

I. 8. The church must win a new hold on the young people of the community.

1. A radio station received the following from a father, "We tuned in on your church service last Sunday, with the radio attached to the victrola so that the children could hear everything. They stood there in from of the machine listening to your children's ta talk, and then they tried to sing when the other youngsters did. Then my wife and I heard your entire sermon. When you finished, my wife said, "That certainly hits us. We've lived here for eight years, we've criticized the church right and left, and we've never stepped inside any one of them. I think we'd better keep still after this, or else start going to church and see what the churches are really doing.'"
That home typical of thousands in this country. For all practical purposes the Church has no place in their lives.

The small % of our Protestant children who go to sunday school. Only about 1 out of 5 being reache

How is the Church going to break thru the cheap materialism and crude indifference of our young people today?
No one church can do it. It will take the combined efforts of all the churches reconsecrated to

God to accomplish this task.

II. The Church must give its own people more real help for daily /s/ living.

1. The world of Science so vast and unlimited as to make people, young and old, lose sight of a God who pays any attention to an individual on this little planet of ours.

2. The hideous catastrophies such as the great War and the great earthquakes and floods make many question whether there be Love and Purpose at the heart of things, or not.

3. The many new cults springing up that aim to meet this failure of the church.

Ours is a puzzled, exhausted, and ofetn-deluded generation, and it is the task of the Church to bring to it the unsearchable riches of Christ. Woe to us if we easte our effort and strength on speculative matters that get us nowhere! Our more important business on h hand is to give real help for daily living.

III. It is the task of the Church to break down the barriers of hatred and misunderstanding that now divide our unhappy world.

The gealousies of nations, the exploitations of business, and the race prejudices and social distinctions of all peoples make an amicable settlement of our differences and a prevailing peace an utter impossibility.

The world needs an istitution that will ignore these differences, forget these barriers, bre break down these walls and /////g unite human beings into the one great family of God.

To creat tolerance, kindness and universal good will.

God forgive us for ever preaching a Christ of division. God forgive us for ever living such a Christ.

The church must enter its narrow door by teaching the people to trust God, to love one another, to be king, loyal and true.

The Aged John, "Little children, love one another."